

so far not constituted any additional labour courts, industrial tribunals nor have Lok Adalats been organised.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Change of Name of Railway Station

2029. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Naugarh" railway station is proposed to be renamed as "Sidharth Nagar"; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Power Failure In Kanishka Hotel

2030. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the event of power failure there are no alternative arrangements to supply electricity in the rooms of five star Kanishka Hotel though the customers are entitled to such facility;

(b) if so, the reasons of non-compliance of the rules by the Hotel in this regard and the measures the Government propose to adopt to ensure these facilities to the customers; and

(c) the details of the facilities being provided to the customer?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Hotel Kanishka (4 star category) has alternative arrangements for supply of electricity in the case of power cut. Some problem, however, developed in supplying alternative electricity due to break-down of DG sets. In order to overcome this problem and ensure better services to customers, while the broke-down DG sets are being replaced/repared; an additional DG set of 1000 KVA is also proposed to be added.

(c) The main facilities being provided in Hotel Kanishka include 317 air-conditioned rooms, close circuit TV/M.A. TV system; refrigerators, telephone system, channel music, hot and cold running water in rooms; 3 restaurants, serving different cuisines; conference and banquet facilities; swimming pool, shopping arcade and many other general services.

Trans Asian Railway Projects

2031. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Trans Asian Railway is being considered by UN-ESCAP;

(b) whether it is also a fact that UN-ESCAP has undertaken three feasibility studies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government for the proposed Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The following three studies have been conducted by ESCAP:

1. Feasibility Study on Connecting Rail Network of China, Kazakstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation and the Korean Peninsula.

2. Preliminary Study on Development of the Trans-Asian Railway in the Southern Corridor of the Asia-Europe Routes.

3. Study on the Trans-Asian Railway in the Indo-China and ASEAN subregion.

(d) The study on Development of the Trans-Asian Railway in the Southern Corridor was a preliminary study as mentioned in item (2) of reply to (a) to (c) above and no specific project proposal has been formulated.

Bangalore-Salem Rail Line

2032. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangalore-Salem broad gauge line became operational to trains for carrying goods only from the first week of November, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the above line is likely to be opened for passenger trains;

(d) whether the Government have any proposal to provide direct broad gauge rail link between Bangalore and Hyderabad; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This line has been opened for passenger traffic on 11.1.97.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Gauge Conversion of Mahboobnagar-Dronachalam is in progress and is targetted for completion by 31.12.97 after which direct BG link between Hyderabad and Bangalore will become available.